

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A stent delivery system comprising:

- (a) an inner catheter, said inner catheter being provided with a first longitudinally extending lumen;
- (b) perforating means slidably disposed in said first longitudinally extending lumen;
- (c) a distal tip including a plurality of distally located apertures, wherein one of the plurality of apertures is in communication with the first longitudinally extending lumen and is configured to receive the perforating means;
- ~~(e)~~(d) an outer catheter, said outer catheter surrounding at least a portion of the length of said inner catheter and adapted for axial movement relative to said inner catheter; ~~and~~
- ~~(d)~~(e) a self-expandable stent, said self-expandable stent disposed between said inner catheter and said outer catheter; and
- ~~(e)~~(f) wherein said outer catheter is dimensioned to maintain said self-expandable stent in a compressed state;

the system further comprising an endoscope, wherein the outer catheter is sized for receipt within the endoscope and the endoscope is configured for intraoral introduction.

25. (Original) The stent delivery system as claimed in claim 24 wherein said self-expandable stent is coaxially mounted over said inner catheter.

26. (Original) The stent delivery system as claimed in claim 24 wherein said self-expandable stent is made of braided filamentary material.

27. (Original) The stent delivery system as claimed in claim 24 wherein said self-expandable stent is made of nonabsorbable material.

28. (Original) The stent delivery system as claimed in claim 24 wherein said self-expandable stent is made of nonabsorbable plastic material.

29. (Original) The stent delivery system as claimed in claim 24 wherein said self-expandable stent is made of bioabsorbable material.

30. (Original) The stent delivery system as claimed in claim 24 wherein said self-expandable stent has a uniform expanded diameter.

31. (Original) The stent delivery system as claimed in claim 24 wherein said self-expandable is shaped to include a waist of comparatively lesser expanded diameter and a pair of cuffs on opposite ends of said waist of comparatively greater expanded diameter.

32. (Original) The stent delivery system as claimed in claim 31 wherein said waist has an expanded diameter of about 8-10 mm, each of said cuffs has an expanded diameter of about 15 mm, and wherein each of said waist and said cuffs has a length of about 5-10 mm.

33. (Original) The stent delivery system as claimed in claim 24 wherein said perforating means comprises a retractable needle.

34. (Original) The stent delivery system as claimed in claim 24 wherein said inner catheter is further provided with a second longitudinal lumen, said stent delivery system further comprising a guide wire slidably disposed in said second longitudinal lumen.

35-46. (Cancelled)

47. (Previously Presented) The stent delivery system of claim 24, wherein the self-expanding stent is adapted to drain a gastric pseudocyst when implanted.

48. (Previously Presented) The stent delivery system of claim 47, wherein the self-expanding stent has a diameter when expanded that is larger than a diameter of an endobiliary tube.

49. (Previously Presented) The stent delivery system of claim 47, wherein the self-expanding stent has an expanded diameter of greater than about 8 mm.

50. (Previously Presented) The stent delivery system of claim 24, wherein the outer catheter extends over a majority of the length of the inner catheter.

51. (New) The stent delivery system of claim 34, wherein one of the plurality of apertures is in communication with the second longitudinal lumen and is configured to receive the guide wire.

52. (New) The stent delivery system of claim 24, wherein the distal tip is configured to penetrate a tissue wall without the concurrent use of a guide wire.

53. (New) The stent delivery system of claim 24, wherein one of the plurality of apertures is in fluid communication with a third longitudinal lumen and is configured to deliver a dye.

54. (New) The stent delivery system of claim 24, wherein the distal tip is integral with the inner catheter.

55. (New) The stent delivery system of claim 24, wherein the plurality of distally located apertures are distal to the stent.

56. (New) The stent delivery system of claim 24, wherein the plurality of distally located apertures are at approximately the same location longitudinally along the inner catheter.

57. (New) The stent delivery system of claim 24, wherein the plurality of distally located apertures face a same direction.